

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 840**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Demetrio David Hachar, who has been selected posthumously by Junior Achievement of Laredo for induction into the 2011 Laredo Business Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, A Syrian immigrant, D. D. Hachar settled in Laredo in 1920 and established El Sol Del Oriente, a ladies shoe store; his prosperity enabled him to invest in real estate and ranch property near Laredo, including El Espejo Ranch, where he owned Arabian horses; and

**WHEREAS**, A modest and generous man, he made gifts to many charities and to civic and educational causes; in 1974, when the Laredo Independent School District dedicated an elementary school in his name, D. D. Hachar was moved by the experience, and he made a promise to help finance young Laredoans with their formal education; and

**WHEREAS**, He died on December 22, 1978, and left behind the D. D. Hachar Charitable Trust Fund, a living legacy to his promise; since the trust's inception in 1980, its funds have assisted more than 11,000 Laredo area students with more than \$15 million in scholarships for higher education; the trust has also provided generous grants to various nonprofit area organizations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby honor the late Demetrio David Hachar, who is now an inductee in the 2011 Laredo Business Hall of Fame, and express sincere appreciation for the D. D. Hachar Charitable Trust Fund; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in memory of Demetrio David Hachar.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 26, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate